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**Subject:** RE: SMBNEP FY18 Work Plan

Hi Tom:

Good to know you are working towards finishing your CWA Section 320 work plan. I understand your question concerning climate change. For the record, there has been no EPA guidance change concerning the direction for programs such as the NEPs that have been addressing climate change issues for a few years based on the preponderance of scientific data, EPA's guidance and local concerns about related impacts that are already evident. That said, I am aware that some at EPA are beginning to use alternative language to refer to related climate change work because of public statements and initial actions by the new administration that minimize climate change concerns. Some are beginning to use the terms you suggest, such as coastal resiliency. Regardless of the terminology, I am confident based on your past performance that you will continue to prepare work plans that are technically and scientifically sound, and consistent with existing EPA guidance and statutory requirements.

I've copied Suzanne Marr on this because she serves as our Regional NEP Coordinator and is familiar with these issues.

Best regards,

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Sam,

looking to finish this off on the 20th. I'm thinking we made need to insert a universal fix for climate change. Is there a framework for acceptable language climate adaptation? climate sustainability? coastal resilience?

Thanks Sam